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SUBJ: NVA INTENTIONS AND MILITARY SITUATION IN MR3.

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1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REGARDING NVA CAPABILITIES AND INTENTIONS WAS PROVIDED BY THE G-2/MR3 DURING A CONVERSATION ON 19 APRIL 75.

2. MASSIVE NVA ATTACKS WILL BE LAUNCHED THROUGHOUT MR3 WITHIN THE NEXT 2 TO 3 DAYS. THE OBJECTIVE IS TO ESTABLISH A TIGHT PERIMETER AROUND SAIGON FOR A FINAL THRUST WITHIN TWO TO THREE WEEKS AGAINST
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THE CAPITAL.

3. ATTACKS WILL BE ON SEVERAL FRONTS AS FOLLOWS:

A. LONG AN FRONT: AT PRESENT NVA FORCES CONSIST OF FOUR MAIN FORCE NVA DIVISIONS; THE 3RD, 5TH, 8TH AND 9TH. THESE UNITS HAVE LAUNCHED ATTACKS AGAINST TAN TRU, THU THUA, BEN LUC, RACH KIEN AND CANH GUIOC DISTRICTS. THEY WANT TO CONSOLIDATE AND ESTABLISH BASE AREAS FOR THE FUTURE AND FINAL ATTACK AGAINST SAIGON FROM THE SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST. NOTE: SOURCE STATED THAT THE CORPS COMMANDER HAS ORDERED ELEMENTS OF THE 25TH ARVN DIV TO THIS AREA WHICH WILL ARRIVE TODAY AND TOMORROW. REMAINING UNITS OF THE 25TH ARVN DIVISION WILL BE STATIONED IN CU CHI AND GIA DINH. ONLY TERRITORIAL FORCES WILL REMAIN TO PROTECT TAY NINH.

B. SAIGON RIVER COORIDOR: SOURCE STATES THAT ACCORDING TO A-2 INFORMATION THE 316TH AND 338TH NVA DIVISIONS (I CORPS) ARE NOW ON THE TAY NINH/BINH LONG PROVINCE BOUNDARY AND ARE MOVING SOUTHWARD. THESE UNITS WILL CONTINUE DOWN THE SAIGON COORIDOR THROUGH THE HO BO AND BO LOI WOODS AREA WEST OF THE SAIGON RIVER, PROCEED INTO HOC MON AND ATTACK SAIGON FROM THE NORTH.

C. BINH DUONG PROVINCE FRONT: AT PRESENT THE 320TH NVA DIV IS AT DON LUAN IN PHUOC LONG PROVINCE. IN ADDITION, THE 312TH NVA DIV IS FURTHER NORTH IN THE BU DOP AREA. SOURCE FEELS THAT THESE UNITS WILL ATTACK IN THE EASTERN PORTION OF BINH DUONG PROVINCE AND THE PROVINCE CAPITAL AND PROCEED DOWN ROUTE 13 TOWARD SAIGON FROM THE NORTH. THE 312TH NVA DIV WILL BE USED AS REINFORCEMENT FOR THE 320TH NVA DIVISION IF SEVERE RESISTANCE IS ENCOUNTERED.

D. EASTERN FRONT/LONG KHANH-BIEN HOA: WITHIN THE NEXT 2 TO 3 DAYS THE 7TH, 6TH, 341 AND 325TH DIVISIONS OR ELEMENTS SUBORDINATE TO THESE DIVISIONS WILL ATTACK LONG BINH, BIEN HOA AFB, MR3 HQS AND BIEN HOA SECTOR FROM THE EAST AND MOVE TOWARDS SAIGON AFTER ESTABLISH -
ING A LAUNCHING AREA IN BIEN HOA PROVINCE FOR FUTURE ATTACKS AGAINST SAIGON FROM THE EAST.

E. BINH TUY/PHUOC TUY FRONT: THE F-10 NVA DIVISION HAS JUST TAKEN THE
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PROVINCE OF BINH TUAN AND IS PRESENTLY MOVING TOWARDS THE BINH TUY BORDER. SOURCE BELIEVES THAT THIS UNIT WILL PROCEED WEST THROUGH

BINH TUY JUST NORTH OF HAM TAN INTO PHUOC TUY TOWARD BA RIA AND VUNG TAU. FROM THIS POINT THIS UNIT WILL PROCEED UP QL 15 AND ESTABLISH A BASE AREA IN NHON TRACH DISTRICT TO MENACE SAIGON FROM THE EAST.

4. SAPPERS WILL PLAY A KEY ROLE IN SUPPORTING MAINFORCE NVA UNITS

DURING THEIR ATTACKS ON THE VARIOUS FRONTS MENTIONED. SOURCE FEELS THAT THESE UNITS WILL IMPLEMENT INDEPENDENT ACTIONS IN THE FORM OF SABOTAGE, ROAD INTERDICTIONS AND TERRORISM BUT AT THE SAME TIME WILL PROVIDE LIAISON AND GUIDE FUNCTIONS. SAPPER UNITS, INTENTIONS AND PRESENT LOCATIONS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

A. 115 SAPPER REGT: WILL ASSIST MAINFORCE UNITS ADVANCING FROM THE NORTH AND ARE PRESENTLY IN LAI THIEU DISTRICT/GIA DINH PROVINCE. THIS UNIT WAS CONFIRMED IN THIS AREA LAST WEEK WHEN 3 MEMBERS WERE KILLED AND DOCUMENTS CAPTURED.

B. 119 SAPPER REGT: PRESENTLY LOCATED IN SOUTHEASTERN THU DUC DISTRICT, GIA DINH PROVINCE. THIS UNIT WILL CONDUCT ATTACKS AGAINST LONG BINH HIGHWAY, PERHPAS THE THU DUC POWER PLANT AND POSSIBLY CAT LAI PORT AND STORAGE FACILITY. THIS UNIT WILL ASSIST MAINFORCE NVA UNITS IN THEIR ATTACKS AGAINST SAIGON FROM THE SOUTHEAST.

C. 116TH SAPPER REGT: PRESENTLY IN LONG THANH AND NHON TRACH DISTRICTS/BIEN HOA PROVINCE. THIS UNIT WILL SHELL THE OCS TRAINING CENTER AND ARMOR SCHOOL AND INTERDICT QL 15 LEADING TO VUNG TAU. THEY MAY ALSO ATTEMPT TO CONTROL THE INTERSECTION OF QL 15 AND LONG BINH HWY.

D. 113 SAPPER REGT: SOURCE STATES THIS UNIT IS IN NORTHEASTERN BIEN HOA PROVINCE AND WILL LAUNCH ATTACKS AGAINST LONG BINH BASE AND ASSIST MAINFORCE UNITS IN ATTACKING BIEN HOA AFB AND MR 3 HQS AND BIEN HOA CITY.

E. 117 SAPPER REGT: THIS UNIT IS IN BINH CHANH DISTRICT/ GIA DINH PROVINCE. THIS UNIT WILL GUIDE AND ASSIST MAINFORCE UNITS IN ATTACKING SAIGON FROM THE SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST. IT WILL ATTEMPT TO CUT ROUTE 4 AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE KOREAN HWY TO CONTROL ROUTES
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LEADING INTO CHOLON/SAIGON.

F. D-10 RUNG SAT SPECIAL GRP: WILL ATTEMPT TO CUT SAIGON WATER
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WAYS LEADING FROM VUNG TAU TO SAIGON AND DISRUPT SHIPPING AND PORT FACILITIES. ATTACKS AGAINST NHA BE ARE ANTICIPATED.

5. SPECIAL ACTION GROUPS DESIGNATED AS 199, 197, 196 AND OM 195 WILL ATTEMPT TO CAUSE PANIC AND TERROR IN SAIGON WHEN ATTACKS ON THE CITY ARE LAUNCHED. THESE UNITS HAVE ALREADY INFILTRATED INTO THE SAIGON/ CHOLON AREA AND WILL BE ACTIVATED WHEN ATTACKS ARE LAUNCHED DIRECTLY AGAINST THE CAPITAL.

6. COL CONG WAS VERY PESSEMISTIC. HE SAID THAT THE MORALE OF THE TERRITORIAL TROOPS WAS VERY LOW. HE FELT THAT THE GVN WOULD NOT BE

ABLE TO HOLD IF MAJOR ATTACKS WERE LAUNCHED. PETERS UNQUOTE
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